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SUBJECT: CONAKRY EAC MEETING - NOVEMBER 3, 2008

- 11. Charge Raspolic convened an Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on November 3, 2008 at 1530. Core EAC members present included CDA, DCM, RSO, CONS, CLO, MGT, MSG, PAO, POL/ECON, and RAO.
- 12. The EAC reviewed the current security situation in Guinea due to civil disturbances in Conakry. These disturbances continue to target key traffic routes within the capital city. These routes are often closed by demonstrators using impromptu barricades of tires. Demonstrators are throwing stones and other objects at passing vehicles, including Embassy vehicles. GoG Police and Gendarmes have responded to the protests by discharging small arms into the air and releasing tear gas in an attempt to disperse the crowds.
- 13. The EAC reviewed post's security posture and reaffirmed the Warden message issued earlier today urging American citizens to, among other things, exercise caution and avoid traveling in Conakry.
- 14. The EAC further determined to maintain the travel limitation on all U.S. Mission personnel within Conakry. The EAC has adopted a liberal leave policy for FSN staff on November 4, 2008 affording them the opportunity to travel to and from the Embassy if it is safe to do so.
- 15. Post will continue to monitor the situation. Post will convene another EAC at 0830 on November 4, 2008 to discuss the security posture and the Election Night events. No direct threat to American citizens has occurred.

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